

PS Minute

ADVICE FOR: FIRST MINISTER

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MACCS Case Number:

2018/0003750

Respond by: 1 March 2018

Correspondent/Organisation:

Mr Gary Cushway, on behalf of Indigenous Australian, Regina McKenzie and family.

Date and time of Event:

Flexible

Location of Event:

Overview of invitation and audience profile:

Flexible

Mr Cushway, Ms McKenzie and her family would like to meet with the First Minister to discuss the return of Australian radioactive waste following past reprocessing activity at Dounreay, which they believe has relevance to the Australian Government's consideration of the siting of a radioactive waste facility near to Ms McKenzie's home.

Decline

Comments:

We have sympathy with the concerns of members of the Australian aboriginal community about the future

site of a facility to manage radioactive wastes,
including waste due to be returned from the UK.

However, the management of radioactive waste for
which they are responsible is ultimately a matter for
the Australian authorities.

The Australian authorities are carrying out a site selection process
for a radioactive waste facility for a range of wastes, including waste
to be returned from
the UK.

RECOMMENDATION:

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This is a request on behalf of an individual

[REDACTED]
indigenous Australian woman, who has no formal
[REDACTED]
leadership or representative position.

Contracts for fuel reprocessing at Dounreay were
signed between the UK and Australian authorities in
1996. The Australian authorities accept that they
have a legal responsibility for the return of
radioactive waste arising from the reprocessing
activity. In 2012, the UK and Scottish Governments
agreed a Dounreay Waste Substitution policy to
enable the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority to
return an equivalent amount of waste in an
alternative form that is easier to handle. For

Australia, an equivalent amount of vitrified waste will be returned from Sellafield, with the original cemented waste remaining at Dounreay.

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If recommendation is to accept, has this advice been agreed with your Head of Division? Yes No

Has another Minister been asked to attend:



Main theme that the event supports:

Main purpose of attending:

(Tick as many as apply)

Please provide an overview of SG policy that the event links to (High level and in bullet points)

- ☐ † Explain new policy or a major policy shift
- ☐ † Reinforce or illustrate existing policy
- ☐ † Improve relations with stakeholders
- ☐ † Encourage participation in consultation
- ☐ † Recognise contribution to policy implementation
- ☐ † Announce funding
- ☐ † Other (please specify):

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Main message to communicate:

Most appropriate type of Ministerial input:

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Private Office view:

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whether another Minister should be asked to take

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Communications Office view:

Comments:

Comms should always provide a view on external events

Communications Office contact:

Insert Name and Ext

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Action Officer:

Charles Stewart Roper



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